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In the Claims:

1.(currently amended) A method for repelling cockroaches, the method comprising:

providing Use as an insect repellent of a compound of the formula

wherein,

R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; an aliphatic residue having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, or a cycloaliphatic residue having 5 to 14 carbon atoms, or an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic residue aforementioned containing one or more hetero-atoms selected from O, N or S; an aryl or heteroaryl group having from 6 to 14 carbon atoms and wherein hetero-atoms are selected from O, N or S; or any of the aforementioned groups substituted with a group selected from, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, aryl or heteroaryl as defined above, aryloxy, amino-, amido-, ester, keto-, hydroxyl, and halogen, or

R₁ and R₂ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered ring that may optionally contain additional heteroatoms selected from O, N or S, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of methyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester, ethyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester, butyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester, diethyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester, diethyl-carbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester, pyrrolidine-1-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester, piperidine-1-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl

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> ester, morpholine-4-carboxylic acid (-)-menthyl ester, phenylcarbamic acid (-)-menthyl ester and 3-[(-)-menthoxycarbonylamino]-propionic acid ester; and applying a preparation comprising the compound to a substrate.

- 2.(canceled)
- 3.(canceled)
- 4.(currently amended) A composition for repelling cockroaches, the

 composition comprising the a compound provided according to the method
 of claim 1 in an insect-repellent amount.
- 5.(currently amended) The A-composition according to claim 4, further comprising at least one additional insect repellent.
- 6.(currently amended) The A-composition according to claim 4, further comprising additionally at least one insecticide.
- 7.(currently amended) The A-composition according to claim 4, further comprising additionally at least one fragrance ingredient.
- 8.(canceled)